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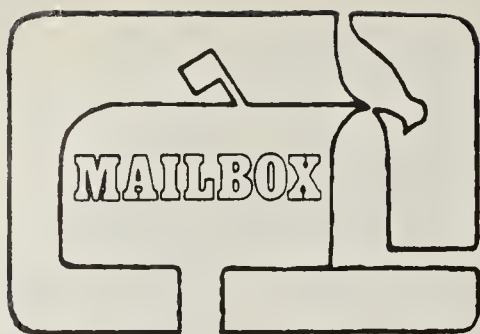
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### **"Keep Up The Good Work"**

I really enjoy the *Carolina Country* magazine that I receive every month. I was born and raised in North Carolina and I love being a Tar Heel.

Keep up the good work on the magazine. The cover pictures take second place to none. They are just beautiful.

*Delores J. Newcomb*  
Rocky Mount

### **"Enjoyed Your Magazine For The Last 15 Years"**

Since we are no longer consumer-members of Tideland Electric Member-

ship Corporation, I am sending a check for a year's subscription to *Carolina Country*. I have enjoyed your magazine for the last 15 years and do not want to miss a copy.

*Mrs. H. T. Savage Jr.*  
Greenville

### **Magazine's "Delightful"**

A friend recently passed along a copy of *Carolina Country* to me and I found it most delightful. Please accept the enclosed check for a year's subscription.

*Lottie M. Plyler*  
Salisbury

### **"Thanks For Your Fine Publication"**

I'm still enjoying *Carolina Country* very much while I'm here in the Eastern Mediterranean. My wife sends them to me every month.

I'm a Naval officer serving with a Marine unit on deployment off the coast of Lebanon. We're getting "short" now and should be home to good old North Carolina in September.

I've learned many things from your publication over the past several years. My son went to Washington, D.C., in his junior year with one of the EMC Youth Tours. We belong to Jones-Onslow EMC.

One of my favorite sections of the magazine is "Hank's Gardening Guide."

Thanks again for your very fine articles and publication.

*Tom Stoddard*  
Rt. 1, Sneads Ferry

### **"Appreciate Your Excellent Coverage"**

On behalf of the NCSU Woman's Club, I want to express appreciation for your excellent coverage of our cookbook in your July issue of *Carolina Country*. Your fine publicity has resulted in 25 to 30 orders and they are coming in quite regularly.

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## Speak Up On Co-op Financing Bill

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That comment came from a congressman as he discussed how his office processes the massive amounts of mail he gets from constituents.

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If elected officials are genuinely interested in constituents' concerns, he said, those form letters will never carry as much weight as the pleas of individual citizens, however simple and ineloquent they may be.

His point is clear: If you have concerns about an issue or a piece of legislation, don't hesitate to pass them along to the proper officials. Doing so can be as simple as jotting down a few lines on a postal card or letter, or placing a five-minute telephone call.

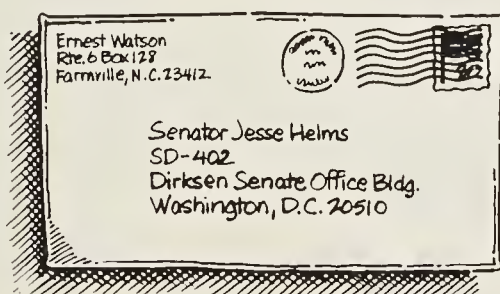
The officials can't know how you feel unless you tell them. And they may well be hearing from lots of other folks who don't share your views—and who've somehow found time to write or call.

This message on "speaking up" is especially timely right now for con-

sumer-members of North Carolina's rural electric and telephone cooperatives, who stand to be directly affected by a bill that's pending in the U.S. Senate.

The measure is designed to stabilize the Rural Electrification Administration's Revolving Fund, which provides money for loans to co-ops across the nation.

The bill would, in effect, set the REA fund's house in order so that it'll avoid getting out of balance in the 1990s. Without the legislation,



it'll reach an imbalance that could bring on soaring interest costs for the co-ops—and higher electric and telephone bills for their consumer-members.

Although the bill—Senate Bill 1300—has drawn widespread support, it is now snagged in a legislative logjam in the Senate.

The House version of it was adopted earlier this year by a three-to-one

majority and S.1300 has been favorably reported out of the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Meanwhile, 53 senators signed a letter to Senate Majority Leader Sen. Howard Baker asking him to schedule the bill for debate as soon as possible.

Washington observers say time is running out on the bill: If it isn't considered by the Senate before its October recess, it'll probably die.

They also say that North Carolina's Sen. Jesse Helms should be in a position to help get the bill on the Senate floor because he chairs the Senate Agriculture Committee.

If you're concerned about breaking this logjam, write or call Sen. Helms about it. (See box for his address and telephone number.)

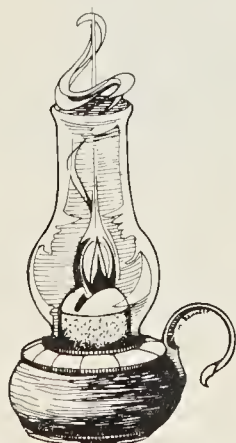
Whether you use a torn piece of brown paper bag or the latest in satellite telephone technology, it's time to "speak up" on S.1300.

**Here's how to contact Sen. Jesse Helms:**  
**Address—SD-402 Dirksen Senate Office Building,**  
**Washington, D.C. 20510.**  
**Phone—(202) 224-6342**

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# Lexington Barbecue Festival To Feature Louise Mandrell Show

Country music artist Louise Mandrell will perform in concert as part of the 1984 Lexington Barbecue Festival, Oct. 20.

The concert is scheduled for 8 p.m. in the Lexington Civic Center. Tickets are priced at \$12 in advance and \$14 at the door.

Lexington's Main Street will be the site of the day-long festival, sponsored jointly by Branch Bank and Trust Co. of Lexington and the city's daily newspaper, The Dispatch.

More than 100 craftsmen will participate in the crafts show that'll be part of the 1984 Lexington Barbecue Festival, Oct. 20.

Main Street in Lexington will be the



site of the festival, sponsored jointly by Branch Bank and Trust of Lexington and The Lexington Dispatch.

The street scene will be dominated by an official "barbecue tent"

offering plenty of the famous Lexington-style barbeque.

Two bandstands will offer music throughout the event. A concert and a street dance are also planned for the evening.

The festival, which will carry no admission charge, will open at 9 a.m. and close at 9 p.m.

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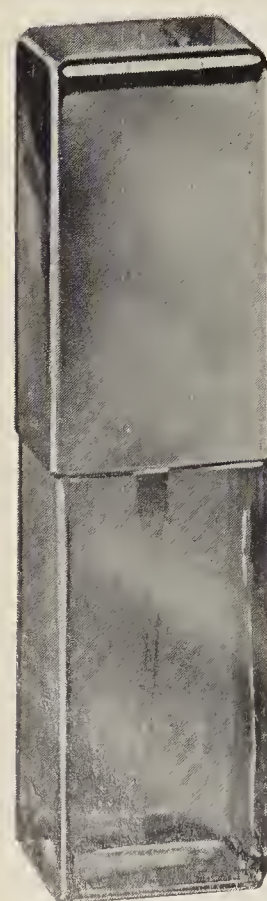
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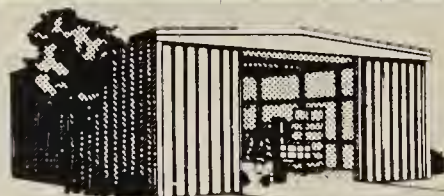
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## 400th Anniversary Handbook Published

It's titled, *America's 400th Anniversary Handbook*, but its authors describe it as a navigational map to enjoying and understanding the anniversary.

The handbook, which was written by Doug Barger, Phil Evans and Nick Hodsdon, is the official souvenir program for the 400th. It was published by Storie/McOwen Publishers Inc.

The 64-page volume includes a schedule of activities, a narrative recounting of the story of the first English colonists who settled on Roanoke Island and chapters on Elizabethan clothing, food, language and pastimes.

A teacher's guide to the handbook is also available, featuring student worksheets and material for a five-to six-week history course.

The book is available at \$4.95 per copy in museums, book stores and gift shops. For more information about it and the teacher's guide, write to Storie/McOwen Publishers, Box 308, Manteo, N.C. 27954. Phone: (919) 473-5881.

## New Fisherman's Guide To Be Offered

A new guidebook on fishes of the Southeastern United States includes more than 250 species of fish and an artist's color paintings of 150 of those most often caught by fishermen.

The book, titled *Fisherman's Guide To Fishes Of The Southeastern United States from New Jersey To Florida*, was written by Charles S. Manooch III, a professional fisheries expert. Illustrations are by noted wildlife artist Duane Raver.

The book, priced at \$24.95, is published by the N.C. State Museum of Natural History with the collaboration of the International Game Fish Association, the National Wildlife Federation, the N.C.

Wildlife Federation and the Sport Fishing Institute.

To reserve a copy of the book, send your name, address and phone number to Fisherman's Guide, N.C. Museum of Natural History, Box 27647, Raleigh, N.C. 27611.

## Piedmont EMC Gets Loan For Expansion

Piedmont Electric Membership Corporation, Hillsborough, has been awarded a \$3.7 million loan from the Rural Electrification Administration for an expansion project.

The loan will help finance construction of 62 miles of line to serve 1,400 potential consumers. Plans also call for improving 27 miles of existing line, building two substations, modifying five substations, replacing old equipment and various other system improvements.

Additional financing for the project will come from the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation.

Piedmont EMC serves about 14,000 consumer-members in Alamance, Caswell, Durham, Granville, Orange and Person Counties.

## Tar Heel Craftsmen Win National Honors

Two North Carolina master craftsmen have received prestigious National Heritage Fellowships for 1984 from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Bertha Cook, a knotted-bedspread maker from Boone, and Burton Craig, a potter from Vale, will each receive an award certificate and \$5,000 in recognition of their contributions to the preservation of fine quality folk art in the United States.

Cook and Craig are among 17 1984 fellowship recipients selected

from all over the country.

North Carolina has been well represented in the National Heritage Fellows program since the program began in 1982. That year a fellowship went to fiddler Tommy Jarrell of Mt. Airy.

In 1983 awards went to cousins Ray and Stanley Hicks of Banner Elk and Vilas, respectively. Ray was recognized for his storytelling, and Stanley for his storytelling, dulcimer and banjo making, ballad singing and old fashioned "jumping jack" style dancing.

The National Heritage Fellowships were created in 1982 to honor master craftspeople and artisans whose work helps "preserve and enhance the mosaic that forms the country's cultural heritage."

The National Endowment for the Arts will officially honor Bertha Cook, Burtain Craig and the 15 other 1984 fellowship recipients at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. in the fall.

## EMC Re-elects Three Directors

Three incumbent directors have been re-elected to the Board of Directors of Randolph Electric Membership Corporation, Asheboro.

Re-elected at the EMC's recent Annual Meeting were:

Bill Comer of Rt. 2, Seagrove; Joseph Auman of Rt. 4, Asheboro and Frank Kennedy of High Falls.

## Book Explores Mystery Of The "Lost Colony"

What happened to the "Lost Colony?"

A new book published by the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources explores this intriguing mystery.

In *The Lost Colonists: Their Fortune and Probable Fate*, author David Beers Quinn suggests that when the

colony's governor, John White, returned to Roanoke Island after a trip to obtain supplies in England, he had little time to search the area carefully for the missing colonists.

Quinn speculates that the captain of the vessel that brought White to Roanoke Island had little interest in locating the colony and was impatient to set sail, leaving White no choice but to quickly return to the ship.

The author's theory regarding the colony's fate is that the main body of colonists packed up and turned toward Chesapeake, their original destination, leaving a small group of men on Roanoke Island to await the governor's return. His guess is that the colonists lived peaceably at Chesapeake until about 1607 when they and their Indian friends were massacred by Powhatan, a powerful Indian leader who feared European threats to his empire.

The 53-page volume is available for \$2 per copy, plus \$1 postage and handling, from the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources, Historical Publications Section, 109 E. Jones St., Raleigh, N.C. 27611.

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## Adult Eye Test Kits Available

Eye physicians across the country are currently distributing free eye and vision screening kits for cataracts, glaucoma and retinal diseases of the eye for persons over age 60.

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## Crigler Appointed To Utilities Commission

Hugh Crigler of Lexington, former general manager of Davidson Electric Membership Corporation, Lexington, has been named to the North Carolina Utilities Commission by Gov. James B. Hunt Jr.



Crigler, who retired as the EMC's manager in 1982 after 18 years in the post, succeeds Douglas P. Leary of Wake Forest, who resigned from the commission to join the statewide organization of EMCs as power supply manager.

Crigler's term will expire June 30, 1985.

An engineering graduate of the University of Virginia, Crigler served as a district manager of Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir, for 14 years before joining Davidson EMC.

Since retiring in 1982, he has worked as a consultant to electric cooperatives on computer applications.

## High Point Mall Crafts Show Set

Members of The Crafters, an organization of craftsmen from across North Carolina, will exhibit their wares at a fall show and sale Oct. 18-20 at High Point Mall on Eastchester Drive in High Point.

The show will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 18 and 19 and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Oct. 20.

## 400th Anniversary Events Listed On Calendar-Poster

Events planned to mark America's 400th Anniversary in northeastern North Carolina through 1987 are listed on a new calendar-poster now being offered by the Historic Albemarle Tour Inc.

The 24-by-30-inch calendar features a silhouette of the *Elizabeth II*, the wooden sailing ship built in

Manteo as a reproduction of the sailing vessels used to bring English colonists to America in the 1580s.

The photo was taken by Drew C. Wilson, a writer and photographer for *The Coastland Times* in Manteo.

A committee of Historic Albemarle Tour site managers compiled the information and designed the calendar-poster.

Historic Albemarle Tour Inc. is an organization of 16 historic sites, museums and visitor attractions in northeastern North Carolina.

Businesses or agencies wishing to display the poster should contact Susan Hemingway, the Historic Albemarle Tour Inc., P.O. Box 759, Edenton, N.C. 27932. Phone: (919) 482-7325.

## Mariners Museum Gets New Name

The name of the Hampton Mariners Museum here has been changed to the North Carolina Maritime Museum.

The facility is operated by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

According to state Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham, the name was changed to better reflect the scope of the museum as a state operation and to indicate that it represents the history of the entire Tar Heel coastal area.

## Home Folks

**Bill Johnson**, editor of the upper-South edition of *Progressive Farmer* magazine, has been presented with the 1984 Heath Cooper Rigdon Conservation Writer Award by the Soil Conservation Society of America . . . **Elvin L. Hooper** of Salvo, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Cape Hatteras Electric Membership Corporation, to fill the unexpired term of the late **Herbert K. Midgett** of Rodanthe. Midgett died in April after serving on the EMC board for the past 23 years. . . . **Thomas Reeves Burgiss** of Sparta has been named the N.C. Pharmaceutical Association's "Pharmacist of the Year" for 1984, and also was voted winner of the association's "Mortar and Pestle" award . . . **Meemie Lohmueller**, manager of the Research Triangle Park Federal Credit Union, has been named the 1984 Credit Union Person of the Year by the N.C. Credit Union League. She's a former manager of the Electric Membership Corporation Employees Credit Union.

New quarters for the museum will be completed by the end of the year. They are the result of land donated to the state by Mrs. Evelyn Smith of Beaufort and a \$2 million appropriation by the North Carolina General Assembly.

"The Hampton Mariners Museum was originally established in 1951 and later became a section of the North Carolina State Museum of Natural History which is a division of the NCDA," Graham said. "It was named for W. Roy Hampton of Columbia, a state legislator and member of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, who was one of its early founders. A plaque in his honor is going to be put up in the new (museum) building. The new name, the North Carolina Maritime Museum, will more accurately describe the function and purpose of the complex."

## Mountain Festival Slated For Oct. 13

The Mountain Glory Crafts Festival, featuring arts, crafts, fall leaf tours, music, dance and other events, is scheduled for Oct. 13 in Marion.

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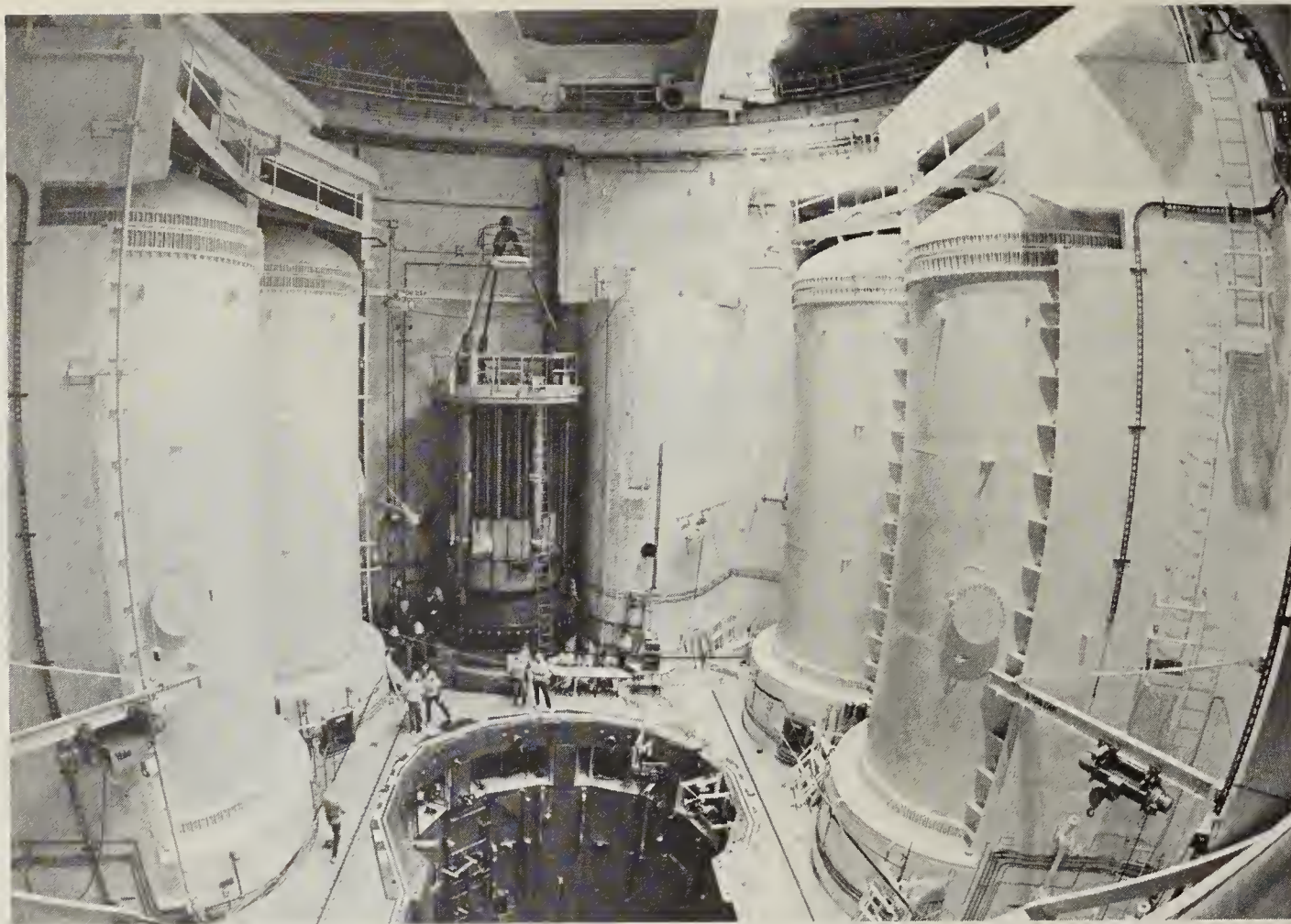
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Members of the news media observed Duke Power Company workmen during the fuel-loading operations at the Catawba Nuclear Plant's Unit I.



# Nuclear Plant Fueled For Tests

The Catawba Nuclear Station, which is partially owned by North Carolina's Electric Membership Corporations, passed another milestone July 20 on its way to commercial operation sometime in 1985.

The milestone: fuel-loading prior to low-power testing.

Reprinted here is an excerpt from a report on the fuel-loading by David Givens, a reporter for the Winston-Salem Journal.

Under a concrete-and-steel dome as high as a cathedral, a crane picked up a bundle of metal rods full of uranium and slowly inserted it into a hole in the floor.

Most of the workers at the fuel-loading of the first reactor at the

Catawba Nuclear Station were watching out of curiosity or to ensure safety. Some in white gloves and yellow boots performed routine duties.

A few involved in guiding the 193 fuel rods into their spaces wore headphones to block out the humming crane, blaring loudspeakers and steady beeping of a system that monitored neutron radiation.

"It's kind of like 'Star Wars,' isn't it?" a Duke Power Co. tour guide said. "I've seen this three times and I'm still amazed."

Fuel-loading at a new nuclear plant happens only once.

With construction finished but no power generated at the two-reactor Catawba station, it was as clean as it would ever be. The fuel is "perfectly safe to handle and mildly radioactive," according to Jim Hampton, the plant's manager.

Duke was ready to load fuel July

6, but the Nuclear Regulatory Commission didn't grant a license for non-nuclear testing until July 18.

Mary Boyd, a company spokesman, said that the delay cost the utility \$500,000 a day in interest on capital to build the plant.

The NRC and the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board must grant Duke another series of licenses to test the plant during low-power nuclear reactions. Four or five months beyond that, Catawba's first reactor will be operating at full power.

Once the control rods that surround the fuel at the first reactor are lifted next year to generate heat, only a few well-protected workers will get into the containment building during its expected 30-year run.

The process of generating nuclear power begins with the ura-

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mium heating water surrounding the fuel rods. The water is then pressurized, turns to steam and runs through a loop of closed tubes in a generator. This heats more water on the other side of the tubes, which also turns to steam and then powers turbines.

At Catawba, the steam will condense and move through pipes to the top of six cooling towers separate from the containment building. The towers are 70 feet high and look like miniature stadiums with fans on the top. The fans pull air into the tower to cool the water, which drips through vents to the bottom and is piped back to the generators.

Ms. Boyd said that the only environmental effects of the towers will be water vapor hovering above them. She said that the lost water vapor will be replaced by taking 1.4 percent of the flow of the Catawba River while the reactors are at maximum power.

Duke officials have said that current government regulations make the towers unnecessary, but

the utility built them to avoid licensing delays. Tower construction was one of many issues that Duke has had to resolve to get the plant built.

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Duke and 41 other utilities in the country sued the federal Environmental Protection Agency in the early 1970s to avoid having to build the towers.

The utilities argued that the use of cooling towers have adverse

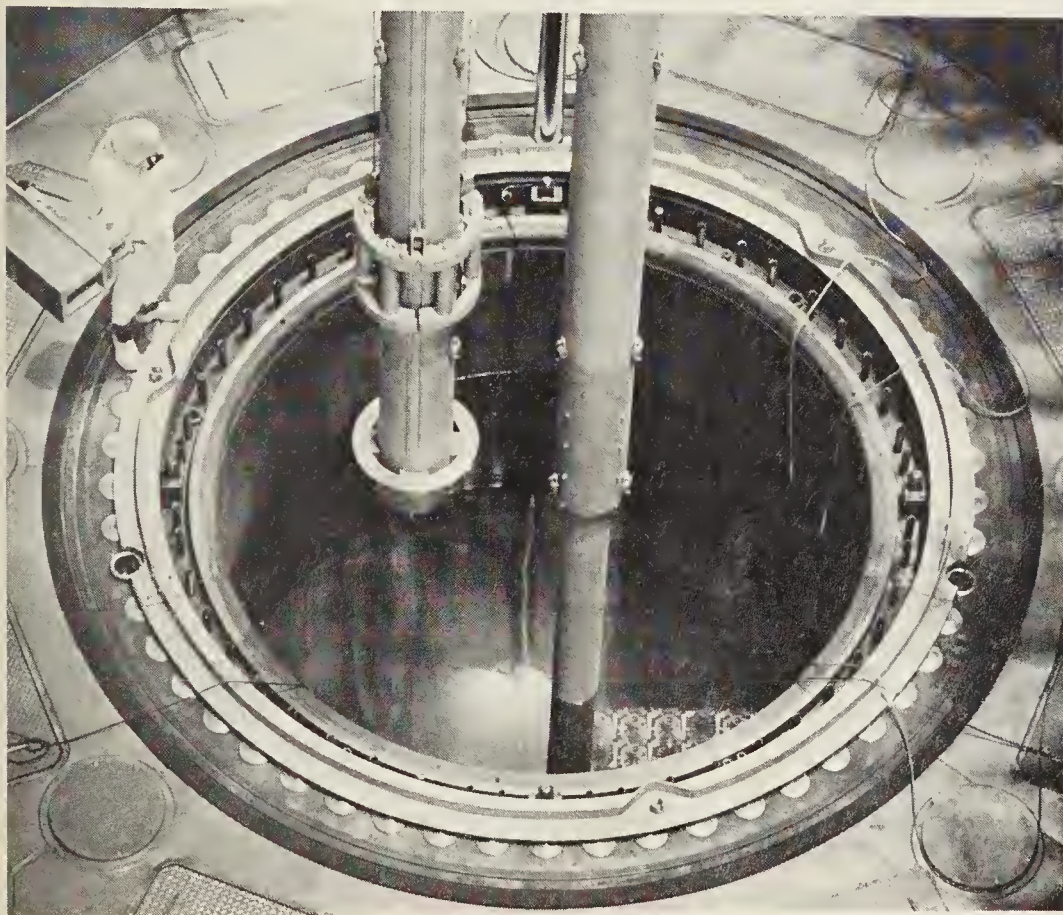
environmental side effects, such as water evaporation and the release of heat to the atmosphere. This could create huge masses of warm, humid air and fog at low levels. At high levels, the lawsuit said, this could form clouds with abnormal precipitation, such as concentrated salts and chemicals.

The utilities won the lawsuit in the 4th U.S. Circuit of Appeals Court in 1974. The plant was announced in 1972, and construction began in 1974, with a \$1.2 billion estimated price tag.

It sits just inside South Carolina, about two miles north of Wylie Dam. Duke built the dam in 1925, creating a resort zone now cluttered with docks and riverside homes.

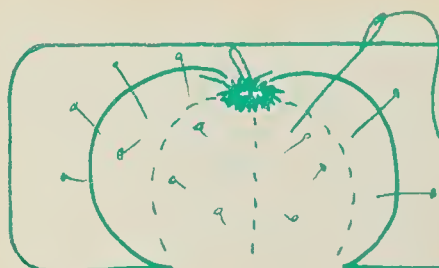
The final plant cost doubled from the original estimate to \$2.5 billion. With the cancellation of the Cherokee and Perkins plants, Catawba is the last addition to Duke's nuclear building program.

Once the second reactor begins operation in 1987, the plant will increase the utility's ability to generate electricity by 16 percent.



A uranium fuel rod is lowered into position in the floor of the Catawba Unit I containment building. When the reactor is ready for start-up, control rods surrounding the fuel will be lifted, allowing the fuel to heat water. The water will then be pressurized, turning to steam, which goes through a loop of closed tubes in a generator. This heats more water on the other side of the tubes, turning it to steam, which then powers the generator's turbines to produce electricity.





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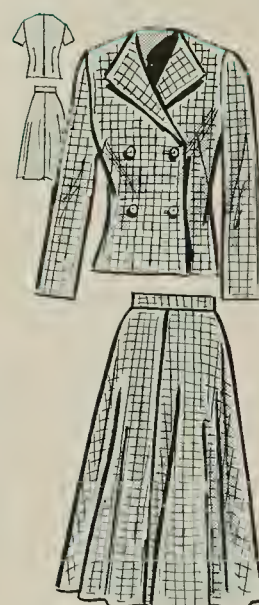
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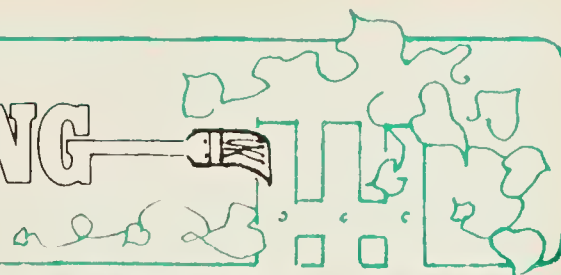
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### Yellow Squash Muffins

Submitted by Sarah Lee McGee of Mt. Airy

2 lbs. squash (approx. 8)	3 cups flour
2 eggs	1 T. plus 2 tsp. baking powder
1 cup butter, melted	1 tsp. salt
1 cup sugar	

Wash squash, trim ends, and cut into 1 inch slices. Cook in small amount of water 15-20 min. Drain well and mash. Measure 2 cups of squash. Combine squash, eggs, butter; set aside. Combine dry ingredients in a large bowl. Make a well in center of mixture. Add squash to dry ingredients, stirring only until moist. Spoon into greased muffin tins filling three-fourths full. Bake at 375 degrees for 20 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center of muffin comes out clean. Yield: approx. 1½ dozen.

Delicious for breakfast or with a meal. Good way to use up some excess summer squash.



# EMC ANNUAL MEETINGS CALENDAR...



Date	Electric Membership Corporation	Time	Location
Oct. 1	Cape Hatteras, Buxton	Registration: 8:00 p.m.	Angler's Club, Buxton
	Four County, Burgaw	Registration: 6:30 p.m.	Union High School, Clinton
5	Central, Sanford	Registration: 6:45 p.m.	Lee Sr. High School Sanford
6	Carteret-Craven, Morehead City	Registration: 6:00 p.m.	Crystal Coast Civic Center, Morehead City
	Crescent, Statesville	Registration: 10:00 a.m.	Mac Gray Auditorium, Statesville
	Union, Monroe	Registration: 11:00 a.m.	Piedmont High School, Monroe
13	Albemarle Hertford	Registration: 12:00 noon	Perquimans High School, Hertford
	Davidson, Lexington	Registration: 10:30 a.m.	Central Davidson High School, Lexington
	Surry-Yadkin, Dobson	Registration: 12:00 noon	Surry Central High School, Dobson
16	Lumbie River, Red Springs	Registration: 6:00 p.m.	Jones Health & Physical Education Center, Pembroke State University, Pembroke

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# NCSU Students Provide "Critical Care" For Injured Birds Of Prey

Meet Albert, the barred owl.

Perched, he stands about a foot tall, only weighs a few pounds and looks at strangers nonchalantly through big dark eyes set above a brilliant yellow beak.

A bird of prey once capable of landing an animal as large as a small rabbit, Albert's right wing is now amputated because of a gunshot wound.

Today, unable to fend for himself in the wild, Albert serves as a representative of the North Carolina State University School of Veterinary Medicine's Raptor Rehabilitation and Research Center.

According to raptor center student organizers Sue Ann Hurlbert of Charlotte and Stephen Klausé of Durham, raptors—or birds of prey—serve an important role in the ecology of their environments by keeping in check rodent, rabbit and snake populations.

"Some owls can haul in as many as 34 small mice to feed themselves and their young in just one night," Klausé said.

Even though raptors are protected by law and they provide an important role in their environments, nearly all raptor injuries are caused by man.

"In the fall during dove season, many kestrels, birds of prey that winter in North Carolina, are mistakenly shot as doves because their flight patterns are similar," he said.

In addition, birds of prey may fall victim to a steel trap during trapping season, be hit by a car or even poisoned.

Once injured, like all wild animals, a raptor will fight to survive and should be considered dangerous.

The same talons (claws) and sharp beak that a raptor uses to capture its meals can injure a human, and for this reason only trained persons should attempt to handle an injured raptor, Klausé said.

"In addition to the dangers of caring for injured raptors, most people just don't know what to feed them, Hurlbert said."

"A raptor can die in just a few days if it doesn't receive the proper food. A raptor needs all parts of the animals it eats, including the bones and fur," Hurlbert said.

At the NCSU raptor center, during feeding and rehabilitation, minimal human contact with the injured birds is the rule in order to preserve their wild nature.

One of the techniques used to maintain minimal contact is to feed very young orphaned raptors with a puppet surrogate mother.

"Imprinting the image of the mother

on a young bird with a puppet is much better than imprinting him with a human hand," Hurlbert said.

The NCSU center operates in conjunction with the Carolina Raptor Research and Rehabilitation Center in Charlotte.

"We handle the 'critical care' raptors. Once the bird has received the necessary medical attention at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital and has stabilized, it will be sent to Charlotte for long-term therapy and eventual release back into the wild," Klausé said.

Like Albert, many of the birds of prey brought to raptor centers never make it back to the wild because they would be unable to fend for themselves. These birds can be placed in zoos or nature centers, or tamed for educational purposes.

If an injured bird of prey is encountered, Hurlbert and Klausé suggest contacting the North Carolina Wildlife Commission at its toll-free, 24-hour number, 1-800-662-7137, or the NCSU Raptor Rehabilitation and Research Center at 919-829-4200.

A structure to house the NCSU Raptor Rehabilitation and Research Center is currently under construction at the veterinary school campus, with the project being totally financed through private donations.

Students are building the facility, which is scheduled to be completed by the end of September. Once in full operation, it will be a student-run non-profit center.



NCSU student Stephen Klausé of Durham with a Red Tailed Hawk at the NCSU School of Veterinary Medicine. Klausé is one of the organizers of the student-run Raptor Rehabilitation and Research Center at the school.



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# HANK'S GARDENING GUIDE

Kill a flea in March and you  
Kill a hundred in September.

—American Proverb

September brings a change of season—a time to dig into an active gardening month. Attention should be given to spring-flowering bulbs and crowded perennials. And, chores such as mowing, weeding and spraying must continue until cooler weather. During long dry periods, continue to water plants.

## Fall-Planting Trees And Shrubs

In many instances, fall-planted trees and shrubs do much better than spring-planted stock. By planting in October, November and December, while the plants are dormant, those roots located deep below the frost line will "take-hold." They will become established in the new location before active growth begins in the spring. Fall and winter planted stock often is way ahead of spring-planted stock the following summer. They benefit from winter rains, resulting in well-established roots for the dry periods of the following summer.

## Prepare Beds For Spring-Flowering Bulbs

Now's a good time to prepare beds for later planting of spring-flowering bulbs: crocus, hyacinth, narcissus and tulips.

Prepare bulb beds by digging the soil at least 10 inches deep. Work in five pounds of 20% superphosphate per 100-square-feet of bed. Do not use a complete fertilizer at this time; save it for application next spring after bulbs begin top growth.

If bulbs have not been ordered, do so right away. If you purchase bulbs locally, make your purchase just as

soon as bulbs are put on display. This will assure fresh plump bulbs that have not dried out due to long periods of drying heat indoors.

## Forcing Bulbs

Crowd large, healthy spring-flowering bulbs into pots containing equal parts of soil, peat and sand. Firm the soil mixture around each bulb, leaving only the "nose" (tip) showing.

Store the planted pots in a cool, dark place for six to ten weeks and keep uniformly moist but not waterlogged. When tops begin to sprout, move the pots gradually to a warm, sunny window. A good routine is to move them to a shady spot in the yard for about two weeks. Then shift pots to a spot where they receive morning sun for about 10 days. Then move to a place that's sunny until about mid-afternoon, leaving them there about a week before placing pots in a sunny window.

The bulbs should be in flower for the Christmas season.

## Stimulate Fall-bloom On Roses



The removal of faded rose blooms prevents seed formation which saps strength from the plants. Instead of snipping off their heads, cut the stem of each of these flowers at the first five-leaflet cluster below the bloom.

Clip off any diseased foliage. Prune out weak or damaged wood. Cut away any stem growing out from an upper branch that has no terminal bud. Prune away all shoots that are growing from below the graft near the base of the bush.

Any litter should be raked from beneath the plants. Then apply a

complete fertilizer such as 8-8-8. Apply about a tablespoon around each bush, or two pounds for each 100-square-feet of rose bed. Water the fertilizer in thoroughly.

After this September treatment, your roses probably will produce fall blooms that are as showy, as those you enjoyed in the spring.

## Tend Perennials

Divide, transplant and establish perennial beds of such old favorites as daylilies, violets, Shasta daisies, canas, phlox, peonies and hollyhocks.

Before replanting, prepare the soil by adding plenty of leaf mold or compost and a mild organic fertilizer such as bonemeal.

Perennials grouped in clumps or colonies make a good "backbone" for the flower border. Annual flowers can be planted between and among the perennials to secure a longer period of "flower-power."

## Extend Flowering

Keep faded blooms cut from zinnias, marigolds and buddleia (butterfly bush) to prolong the blooming period.

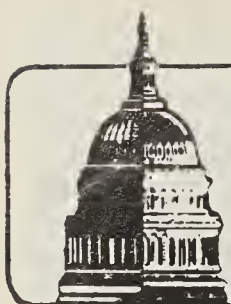
## Heavy-berried Hollies

If your Burfordi hollies are loaded with berries this year, you may notice yellowing leaves on the stems with the most berries. This indicates a nutritional deficiency caused by the heavy demand the large berry crop makes on the plants.

Such plants should be fertilized with a light application of a balanced commercial fertilizer such as 8-8-8 or 10-10-10. In future years when there is a heavy fruit set, fertilize in the spring when plants come into bloom. And, fertilize again in early summer.

—Hank Smith





## WASHINGTON SCENE

# Pressures Mounting To Get Financing Bill To The Senate Floor

Pressures are continuing to mount on Sen. Howard Baker (R-Tenn.), the Senate majority leader, to bring a bill on rural electrification financing to the floor of the Senate for a vote.

The bill in question, S.1300, which would stabilize the rural electric program's Revolving Fund, has already passed the House by a three-to-one margin and has been favorably reported out of the Senate Agriculture Committee.

A total of 47 senators are co-sponsors of the bill, which would forestall an anticipated crisis involving the fund in the late 1990s.

The fund provides money for loans to rural electric and telephone co-ops under the Rural Electrification Administration financing program. It's a self-sustaining fund since loan repayments, plus interest, flow back into it.

In 1993, the fund is scheduled to begin repaying an advance from the Treasury, which will eventually deplete the fund and force REA to seek new money for it at higher interest rates. Those higher costs would inevitably bring higher electric bills for consumer-members of the nation's electric and telephone co-ops.

A group of 53 senators signed a letter to Sen. Baker from Sen. Walter D. Huddleston (D-Ky.), one of the bill's co-sponsors, asking that the legislation be scheduled for floor debate.

The letter said, "Enactment of S.1300 is needed to ensure that the nation's rural electric and telephone systems will be able to continue to provide high quality, affordable electric and telephone service to consumers in rural America."

In placing the letter in the *Congressional Record*, Sen. Huddleston pointed out that there may be differences of opinion on the bill, but "the people of rural America are entitled to have the legislation debated and voted on in a free and open manner."



**The people of rural America are entitled to have the legislation debated and voted on in a free and open manner**



He added: "I do not believe that the 25 million citizens who are served by the REA program will understand why legislation that a majority of senators want to consider cannot be brought to a

timely vote in the Senate."

Meanwhile, upwards of 500 representatives of North Carolina's Electric Membership Corporations were expected to participate in an Aug. 28 conference on the status of the bill.

Tar Heel Sen. Jesse Helms, chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, has been invited to be part of a panel at the Raleigh conference.

Plans also call for the panel to include Walter Harrison, a pioneer in the rural electric program who headed the Georgia co-op's statewide organization for many years, as well as David Hamil, a Republican who was REA administrator under Presidents Eisenhower, Nixon, Ford and Carter.

Because he chairs the Senate Agriculture Committee, Sen. Helms is seen as being in a position to help arrange for the legislation to be scheduled for debate.

Co-op officials believe the bill has little chance of getting on the Senate calendar if it isn't debated before the Senate begins its election recess on Oct. 5.

Even if a "lame duck" session is scheduled after the election, the bill isn't likely to get on its calendar, officials say.

### Capital Obsessed By Its Favorite Pastime: Politics

Washington is always a political city, but from now until November, it'll be absolutely obsessed by politics. Election years are like that.

But this year, feelings seem to be stronger and more intensely political than usual around the nation's capital.

Questions arising from the presidential campaign have given the city an air of suspense: Will the economic recovery—about which the White House likes to boast—continue until the November voting? Will the Mondale coalition of voting blocs hang together and get a record turnout at the polls this fall?

Meanwhile, every good sign—however small—is greeted with great enthusiasm and every sign of potential trouble sounds alarms.



When inflation rates stay low in the monthly Commerce Department reports, administration officials proclaim a victory. But when interest rates rise, the same officials react angrily and try to place the blame elsewhere.

All in all, President Reagan seems to have a favorable economic climate in which to campaign—and he has been leading in recent polls. People seem to have more money to spend and that makes for satisfied voters.

And yet—there is a feeling of apprehension in the administration.

When banks raised their prime interest rates to 13 percent—the fourth hike in rates this year—the administration said there was no reason for the action and it reflected only “fear of the future.”

The leading economists had a ready explanation for what’s happened: With a heated-up economy, industry wanted to expand and expansion means borrowing money.

This extra demand, coupled with several large mergers requiring huge borrowing and the immense need for credit to finance the biggest federal deficits in history, created a hot competition for the money available. And when a commodity is in short supply because of the demand, then the price rises.

That is precisely what’s happened to money, the economists and bankers say.

They also predict that all this will eventually result in a recession, unless there is a change in federal policy. The country, they argue, can’t go on spending \$200 billion each year more than it takes in.

North Carolina’s Fifth District Rep. Stephen Neal of Winston-Salem compares the nation’s circumstances to an individual going on a credit card binge.

“It’s fun when you’re doing it,” Neal says, “but someday the bills are going to come due.”

The White House is hoping the nation’s “day of reckoning” won’t arrive until after the November election.

Although current interest rates are going to sharply cut the number of houses sold, with mortgage rates

now approaching 15 percent, the Reagan advisers say they don’t think it will hurt unless the rates go still higher before the election.

But, the rates may still be the best campaign issue the Democrats have.

Meanwhile Mondale also has problems.

There are a lot of large voting groups in the country which are not fond of the Reagan administration and which Mondale needs if he is to win the election: the labor unions, the poor, the teachers, women, the blacks, Hispanics, environmentalists and others.

The Democratic candidate is going to have to walk a tightrope from now until November to keep all of his various troops happy and enthusiastic.

It may be an impossible task.

Washington, a political city like no other, will be watching every minute and listening to every nuance of its favorite pastime.

## Agency Sets Standards For Nuclear Waste Dump Site

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission, which has been told to find a site for the nation’s first high-level radioactive waste dump, has finally agreed about what it will be looking for in such a site.

The five-member panel says it will consider an area’s geological and groundwater characteristics, earthquake activity, proximity to water supplies, national parks, national forests, wildlife refuges and population centers.

Under the law, the Energy Department must have the NRC’s concurrence when the site is finally selected.

Sites in six states—Nevada, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, Utah and Washington—are under consideration.

It’s a pretty safe bet, observers believe, that a site won’t be chosen before the election this fall. ■

## Montague Prints Offered

The Allen Montague painting that appeared on the August cover of *Carolina Country* is now available as a signed and numbered limited edition print.



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Montague, a lifelong Raleigh resident, has been a fulltime artist for six years. He’s now a “Lifetime Artist” with Ducks Unlimited and his works are catalogued by Sotheby Parke-Benet, the internationally known auction house.

Some of his wildlife pieces have been selected for exhibit in the Gold Room of the Eastern Waterfowl Festival.

Meanwhile, he has served as a spokesman for the Multiple Sclerosis Society in television spots featuring his painting “Touched By Love.” Prints of that painting were sold with proceeds going to the society.

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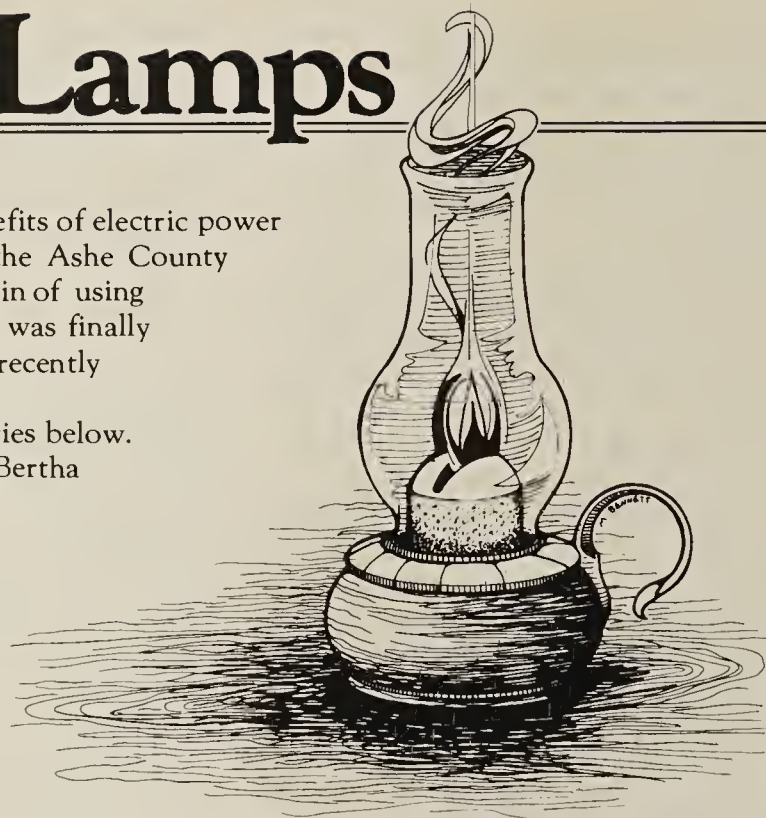
# No More Oil Lamps

They had lived simply but quite contentedly without the benefits of electric power for more than 30 years. But the Yancey County couple and the Ashe County widower were getting older and their eyes were showing the strain of using oil lamps all those years. In unrelated incidents, they decided it was finally time to put in electric lights. As a result, the two homes were recently wired for electricity for the first time.

These fascinating mountain folks are profiled in the stories below.

Carolina Country staffer Kemp Ward prepared the story on Bertha and Sampson Spillman of Yancey County.

Beverly Hawkins, director of member and public relations at Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, Lenoir, wrote the piece on Ashe County's Clayton McNeill, for the EMC's consumer newsletter, *The Enlightener*.



## Clayton McNeill

At 83, Clayton McNeill, whose roots lie deep in Ashe County, now has electricity in his home for the first time.

This descendant of Tom Calloway, friend and hunting companion of Daniel Boone, has lived 30 years in his rustic weathered home on the New River, seemingly content without the conveniences afforded by modern electric service.

He's managed quite well, cooking and heating with the wood he still chops himself and doing his reading by kerosene lamp.

Chuck, his dog, is his companion, although family members live close by and visitors occasionally drop in to chat on the porch overlooking the river.

His Spartan lifestyle and rich family history have made him a celebrity of sorts, as reporters periodically show up to interview him, take his picture, and marvel at his woodcarving. McNeill takes it all in stride.

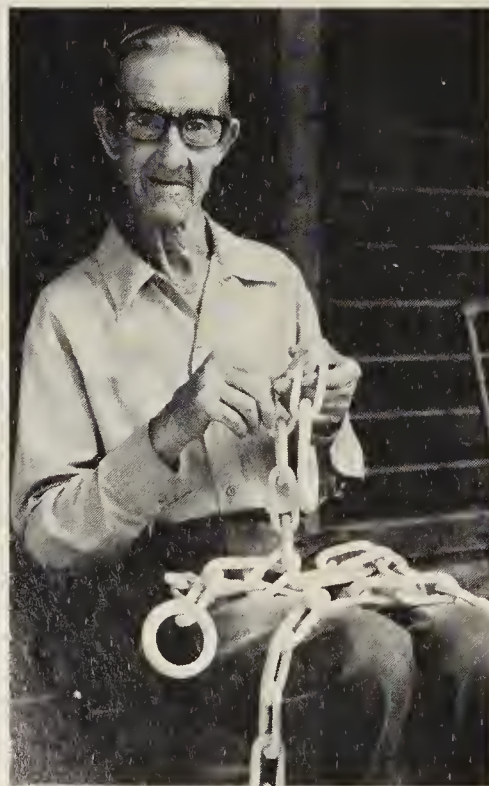
"Oh, I'm a very prominent man," he declares with a mischievous twinkle, "and good looking."

The fact that he's never had electricity is more a matter of circumstances than design. He sent his brother-in-law years ago to sign the right-of-way forms for Blue

Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, Lenoir, to build lines across his land even before he lived there.

"A lot of people wouldn't sign then," he remembers, "but I wasn't going to be that contrary."

But the lines were never built. The brother-in-law couldn't sign McNeill



Clayton McNeill carved this wooden chain from a single piece of Ponderosa pine.

— Beverly Hawkins/Blue Ridge EMC

up for power because the co-op needed the land owner's signature on right-of-way documents.

Then in the 1950s, with his wife's illness and medical expenses, he couldn't afford to wire the house.

"After my wife died and I got straightened out, I just put it off," he said.

So why, after all these years, is he getting electric service now?

"I'm gettin' old," he says, "and I thought if I had electricity, I could see better."

He's been treated for glaucoma the past four years.

"I was about blind before I went to the doctor," he explained, "and had cataracts in both eyes,"

Reading by kerosene lamp is more difficult now. "Electric light is much better light all the way around, you know," he said.

But Clayton McNeill has another reason for finally conceding to the times, and it seems more important to him than the first.

"Because of my neighbors," he says in answer to the obvious question. In true cooperative fashion, he simply asked Blue Ridge to extend service to his property so the folks he recently sold land to will have access to electric service, too.

—Beverly Hawkins



# Sampson And Bertha Mae Spillman

Bertha Mae Spillman awoke from a sound sleep that dark night, lighted an old oil lantern and made her way through the modest two-room house on her way to the outhouse.

Suddenly, she sprawled out on the floor, trying her best to keep the burning lantern from starting a fire. She'd tripped again—and this time it frightened her.

As she picked herself and the lantern up, she decided it was time she admitted that her 65-year-old eyes weren't as good as they once were, especially when it comes to seeing in the dim light of burning oil.

She resolved on the spot that she and her 84-year-old husband Sampson had waited long enough—after 40 years—to have their home equipped with electricity for lights.

"Now that we're getting older, it's harder to carry something around to make a light with," Mrs. Spillman explained. "We need electricity more now than we used to—we used to see a lot better than we do now. I told Sam it weren't no use in waiting until we were dead to get it."

Shortly after Mrs. Spillman's fall, the couple made their way from their home in the Yancey County hills and walked into the office of Surry-Yadkin Electric Membership Corporation in Dobson. They announced that they'd changed their minds: they wanted electricity after all.

The co-op's workmen arrived a few weeks later to string the wire to their home.

That night, the Spillmans kept the electric lights burning all night.

Mrs. Spillman said she's glad she and Sam can see better at night now, but having electricity is nothing to "get excited" about. In fact, she doesn't expect to make much use of the electrical outlets they had installed, except maybe when they're canning.

An electric fan would come in handy when their wood cookstove makes the house feel like an oven during canning season, she pointed out.

Surry-Yadkin EMC, like most of

North Carolina's electric co-ops, usually provides first-time service to new homes or to consumers who've just moved into the area. Doing so for folks who simply haven't wanted the service is a rare experience.

"This is an unusual case," said Bill Marion, the co-op's director of member relations. "We've had a few other cases over the years, but mostly they've been where younger people left home and came back. They'd get their folks to wire the house.

"The younger people had gotten where they couldn't do without electricity. But we've still got people around who don't have power. And

it's strictly by choice."

Marion said working with the Spillmans had stirred the memories of many of the EMC's veteran employees, who helped the co-op provide power for the first time to the rural people of Stokes, Wilkes, Surry, Yadkin and Forsyth Counties about 40 years ago.

When Sam and Bertha Mae were married in 1946, they never gave electricity much thought as he built their home and she set up housekeeping.

"We just weren't that interested in it back then, and we just didn't get it," Mrs. Spillman said. "It

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—Homer Bryant/Surry-Yadkin EMC



**LEFT**—Bill Marion, director of member services at Surry-Yadkin Electric Membership Corporation, Dobson, explains to Sampson and Bertha Mae Spillman how the electric meter works after the couple's home was wired for electricity. **BELOW**—The Spillmans use the porch of their two-room Yancey County home as a living room in warm weather.



—Kemp Ward



## No More Oil Lamps

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wasn't a matter of not thinking we could afford it. It was really a matter of not needing it.

"Now, we're getting to the age where we need it more than we used to. Back when we could see good, we didn't think about it."

The couple farmed their 31 acres all their lives until a few years ago when age caught up with them—and their mule.

"Folks asked me why didn't I get a tractor," Spillman said. "I said, 'I'd rather have a mule than any old tractor.'" Soon after she quit working, the mule died.

"It hurt," Mrs. Spillman said, her eyes misting. "You get attached to anything, whether it's a cow or a mule or a dog."

Since farming never produced much money for the couple even in the best of years, they aren't planning to fill their house with fancy electric gadgets and appliances now that they have power.

Mrs. Spillman said they wouldn't

do it even if they had plenty of money because there's no room for such things—and they just plain don't need them or want them.

"We might get us a refrigerator. I think we can find us a second-hand one or something, but I don't know about a stove. I might even get me an electric iron sometime or the other if I can afford it."

How about a TV set?

Some relatives have hinted that they might give the couple a set for Christmas. "I don't know for sure," Mrs. Spillman said. "Really, though, I think I'd rather read the Bible or a good book or sew or something rather than look at it."

The Spillmans had been exposed to the wonders of electricity when they'd visit friends who live near town or in town. They weren't impressed and were glad to get back home each time.

"Sometimes I don't see how city people live," Spillman said. His wife echoed his sentiments: "There's no way I'd go close to town to live!" she vowed.

The couple is quite happy right where they are.

"You wash with a tub and board. If you want to boil your clothes, you boil them. If you want to iron, you heat the iron up on the stove," Mrs. Spillman said.

Their one complaint is that ice doesn't come in big blocks the way it once did—and that means they have a hard time keeping things cool for any length of time. But they manage just the same.

The Spillmans laugh at the suggestion that electricity is going to change their lives. And Mrs. Spillman says it'll never make as much difference to her as their backyard well has.

Until the well was dug a few years ago, she'd spent decades carrying buckets of water from a spring two fields away from the house, often making several trips a day.

That's why there's no water heater on their shopping list now.

"I don't want no pump in my well!" she declared. Besides, she added, they already have a built-in water heater right on their wood cookstove.

—Kemp Ward

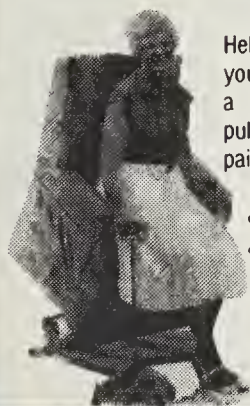


—Kemp Ward

Mrs. Spillman has no plans for replacing her trusty wood cookstove now that her home has electricity.



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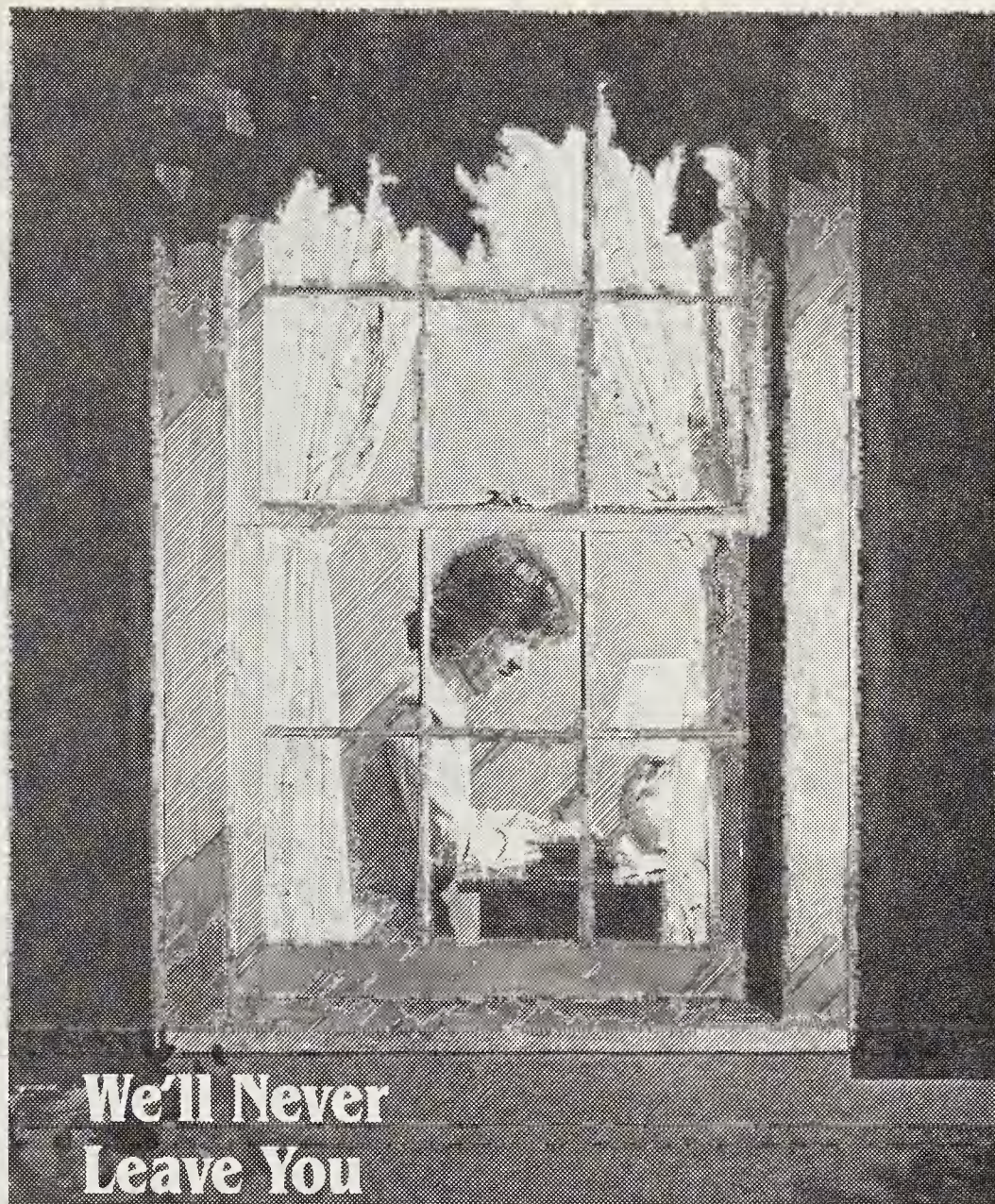
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**RIGHT**—Members of the North Carolina Rural Electric Youth Tour saw a show featuring entertainer Carol Channing, right, at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts during their visit to Washington. After the show, she met with the group briefly. **LOWER RIGHT**—The Tar Heel youths were briefed by a representative of the U.S. Department of Agriculture before touring that agency.



## Entertainer Visits With Youth Group

A brief visit with entertainer Carol Channing after her Kennedy Center show was one of the highlights of the 1984 North Carolina Rural Electric Youth Tour for the 33 high school juniors who participated.

The tourists, who were selected for the week-long trip to Washington by the state's Electric Membership Corporations, also visited the White House, various federal government agencies and other points of interest in the nation's capital.

In addition to the usual tourist attractions, the North Carolina group also took a boat ride down the Potomac River, complete with music and dancing, and participated in a special dinner with tourists from other states.

Plans for the 1985 tour are now being put together, according to Lorrie Constantinos, who directs the tour for the statewide organization of EMCs.

"Any high school junior who wants to know more about how to apply for a spot of next year's tour should write or call their local EMC or write me," she said. Her address is P.O. Box 27306, Raleigh, N.C. 27611.



## Alcock Named To National Youth Board

Kim Alcock of Rt. 1, Hobucken has been selected to represent North Carolina on the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Youth Consulting Board.



She was chosen for the board post from among the 33 Tar Heel high school students who participated in the national Rural Electric Youth Tour.

The youngsters, representing 15 North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations, joined about 1,000 young people from throughout the nation for the week-long visit to Washington.

Kim, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Frank Alcock, represented Tidland EMC, Pantego, on the tour.

As a member of the national youth board, she will participate in various programs sponsored by the national co-op organization during the next year.



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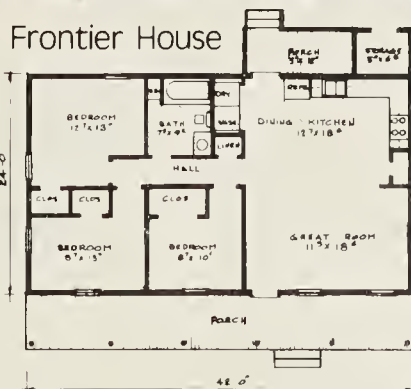
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## A "Recipe" Parents Can Really Appreciate

I'm not much of a cook, but I understand enough about the process to be completely awed by the marvelous dishes my wife is often able to pull together with the "help" of our two little girls.

If you've ever tried to whip something up with that kind of help, you'll probably appreciate this "recipe" that was recently reprinted in the consumer newsletter of Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation, Hertford.

Writing in the newsletter's "In The Kitchen" column, Jonette Long introduced it this way: "As I chuckled over this recipe, I decided I just had to share it with you. It was written by Mamie Cockran and published in an Eastern Star cookbook entitled *Homespun Cookin'*. Hope you enjoy it!"

### Aspirin Cake

Preheat oven to 375 degrees

Turn down TV

Remove toys from counter top

Measure two cups flour

Get baking powder

Remove Benjamin's hands from flour

Put flour, baking powder and salt into sifter

Vacuum mixture Benjamin spilled off kitchen floor

Get an egg, answer the phone

Separate egg and warm baby Adam's bottle

Help Mary figure out a new math problem (the old reliable way)

Grease pan, salesman at door

Take 1/4 inch of salt from greased pan

Look for Benjamin

Put mess in wastebasket, dishes in dishwasher

Call the bakery

Take an aspirin

## Grassroots Message: End Deficit Spending

My musings about the national debt in last month's column had barely been set in type and shipped off to the printer when I received a packet of materials from an organization that's trying to get something done about that deficit.

Based in Harrison, AK, the group bills itself as "Citizens for a Balanced Budget—A Coalition of Concerned Americans."

Its director is Forest A. Rose, who says the organization's position is that Congress is breaking the law by allowing deficit spending and its members should be replaced if they can't find ways to balance the federal budget.

"Most of the blame for the federal government's deficits should be placed on us citizens," he said. "We pick representatives, via the ballot box, trusting they will exercise good judgement. Instead, they are doing an unforgivably bad job and breaking the law."

The law that's being violated, he says, is Public Law 95-435, which was enacted in 1973 and reaffirmed in 1982. It calls for total federal government budget outlays not to exceed total receipts in any fiscal year.

Rose says it's now time for responsible citizens to express themselves on this issue, telling their "servants" in Washington to take steps that'll reduce the deficit.

The coalition has a proposal for balancing the 1985 federal budget that calls for \$130 billion in cuts and a tax hike to produce \$50 billion.

That's a harsh prospect that'll require "tremendous sacrifices," Rose admits. But it would allow the nation to pay off its debt over the next 30 years, he says.

If you want more information about the coalition and its program, write to Rose at 1705 Capps Road, Harrison, AK 72601.

## Knock 'em Dead With The Jargon Generator

I'm sure you've been exposed to speakers—especially bureaucrats, economists and engineers—who leave you totally confused because of their persistent use of words and phrases most laymen would never understand.

Have you ever noticed that even though they're unintelligible they often sound a lot alike?

A staff writer for a San Diego newspaper believes this is because they all use the same source of "jargon," those meaningless terms that are designed to establish the speaker's authority and expertise.

That source, says writer Paul Van Nostrand, is a "Jargon Generator."

The device, which he says was put together by an anonymous school administrator, consists of three columns of nine words each. The first two columns are lists of multisyllabic adjectives and the third contains ambiguous nouns that defy strict definition:

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	2. total	2. organizational	2. flexibility
	3. systematized	3. monitored	3. analysis
	4. parallel	4. reciprocal	4. mobility
	5. functional	5. logistical	5. factors
	6. responsive	6. transitional	6. concept
	7. synchronized	7. modular	7. capability
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To use the "Jargon Generator," merely pick a word from the first column, another from the second and another from the third. Voila! You have an instant erudite phrase, suitable for almost any occasion.

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The "Jargon Generator" is most helpful, according to Van Nostrand, "when you really have nothing to say" because absolutely no one will know what you're talking about.

But, he added, "what really matters is that 1—they'll never admit it and 2—they will accept you as a decisive thinker who has great ability to verbalize complex ideas. Sort of a 297, one might say."

—Owen Bishop

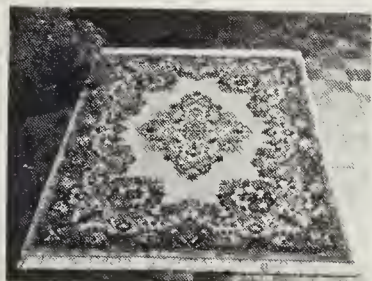




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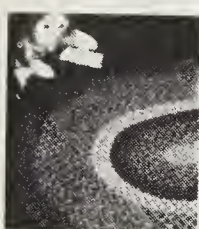
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